24 July 2025

Utah Division of Wildlife Resources
C/O Utah Wildlife Tagging Requirements, R657-73
Main Office
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Re: Wildlife Tagging Requirements rule, R657-73

Dear Wildlife Board Members and Director Peck:

On behalf of Safari Club International, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Wildlife Tagging Requirements, contained in the proposed Administrative Rule R657-73.

SCI supports the proposed 2025 Wildlife Tagging Requirements rule, contained in R657-73, and allowing electronic tagging of wildlife. Many other states have moved toward electronic licenses and tagging available through mobile devices and SCI commends the Department on their proposed change that will greatly benefit hunters. Futher, the mobile electronic tagging application will provide real-time harvest survey data and there could be some long-term cost savings for the Department by reducing mailing costs, money that could otherwise go to furthering conservation.

Additionally, it is proven that sound science-based conservation involving hunting as the primary management tool, while maximizing opportunities for all huntable species, is necessary to the long-term health of wildlife. Hunters have long paid the way for conservation, both game and non-game wildlife, and maximizing opportunity for hunting is also key to long-term funding for all conservation. Hunting benefits wildlife conservation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed 2025 Wildlife Tagging Requirements, contained in R657-73. SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt and we appreciate the continued partnership with the Division and the Wildlife Board. SCI is always first for hunters.

Sincerely,

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